

Utah State Board of Education
Standards and Assessment Committee Minutes
November 5, 2015

Members Present: Laura Belnap, Dixie Allen, Brittney Cummins, Spencer Stokes

Members Excused: Dave Crandall

Committee Staff: Sydnee Dickson, Cheri Rieben

Others Present: Rich Nye, Dawn Benke, Chris Domaleski, Anne Kilgore, Jo Ellen Shaeffer, Mark Innocenti, Jennifer Thronksen, Diana Suddreth, Sue Okroy, Nancy Tingey, Janis Christensen, Morgan Jacobsen, Emilie Wheeler, Lisa Nentl-Bloom, Zemin Xiao, Gretchen Anderson, Thalea Longhurst, Vincent Newmeyer, Jennifer Lambert, Robert Austin

Start Time: 6:30 p.m.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

COMMITTEE ACTION: The committee reviewed the minutes of October 8, 2015 and noted a typo in the Financial Literacy motion. The word “by” should be removed and replaced with “to be”.

COMMITTEE MOTION: Motion was made by member Allen that the committee approve the minutes of October 8, 2015 as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

High Quality School Readiness Initiative Report

COMMITTEE ACTION: The committee heard information from Gretchen Anderson and Dr. Mark Innocenti regarding the High Quality School Readiness Initiative.

COMMITTEE MOTION: There was not a committee motion. The committee agreed to support the report as is to the Interim Committee.

Formula for Calculating a Growth Target – R277-497 School Grading System

COMMITTEE ACTION: The committee heard information from Chris Domaleski and Rich Nye regarding three different approaches for a formula for calculating growth.

COMMITTEE MOTION: Motion was made by member Cummins to approve the SGP 40 formula for calculating growth. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE MOTION: A motion was made by member Cummins to come up with suggested legislative language regarding calculating student growth that provides for a good measure of accountability so that the Board can make recommendations to the legislature to open up the language of the rule. Motion passed unanimously.

Standards Review Process

COMMITTEE ACTION: The committee heard information from Diana Suddreth regarding the standards review process. The committee discussed the content and made the following suggestions:

- 1) Make all bullets contain parallel language
- 2) Re-number and add a new #4 that provides information for the convening of the advisory committee and the duties of that committee.
- 3) In #5 – remove statement d-i.
- 4) In #10 – remove statement b.

COMMITTEE MOTION: There was not a committee motion. The committee provided direction to staff to further clarify the steps. The committee will ask that the Board consider approving the standards review process with the recommendations listed.

Kindergarten Assessment

COMMITTEE ACTION: The committee heard information from Dr. Jo Ellen Shaeffer regarding the four options for kindergarten assessment.

COMMITTEE MOTION: Motion was made by member Cummins to approve option four. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE ACTION: The committee directed staff to research and find the most cost effective and academically sound product for kindergarten assessment.

Civic and Character Education Report

COMMITTEE ACTION: The committee received and reviewed the report from staff.

COMMITTEE MOTION: There was not a committee motion. The committee agreed to support the report as is to the Interim Committee.

PEER Assistance and Review (PAR) Report

COMMITTEE ACTION: The committee received and reviewed the report from staff.

COMMITTEE MOTION: There was not a committee motion. The committee agreed to support the report as is to the Interim Committee.

Career and Technical Education Report

COMMITTEE ACTION: The committee received and reviewed the report from staff.

COMMITTEE MOTION: There was not a committee action. The committee agreed to support the report as is to the Interim Committee.

End Time: 9:10 PM